



**SPECIAL EVENT**

# **The Arbitration Act 1996 – 20 years on Views from the Bar**

**Chair: Lord Saville of Newdigate**

**Date: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – 4.15pm – 8.00pm**

*"A practical, just and effective arbitration system is of great value to both the domestic economy and the global economy."* Lord Neuberger, President of the Supreme Court

Has the 1996 Act proven fit for purpose?

Twenty years on from the inception of the Act, the LSLC is leading a debate and has gathered the views of a number of senior members of the Bar on the practical and legal issues arising. In future seminars/debates, the Centre will seek the views of other practitioners and users of the Act.

Our distinguished panel, under the chairmanship of Lord Saville, will consider issues including:

- The degree of party autonomy when certain provisions of the Arbitration Act are made mandatory
- Disapplying Limitation Periods
- The Court's powers to assist in relation to arbitration given the development of emergency arbitrator provisions in the rules of all the major arbitral institutions
- Conflicts of Law
- "Emergency arbitrators" – no provision in Act, does it matter?
- Confidentiality – what, if anything, should be done?
- What is the proper approach to an application for a stay under s. 9? Determination of the issue or "prima facie" test?
- Section 57 – a trap for the unwary?
- Inappropriate re-hearings?
- Objections regarding improper/unfair conduct – practically nothing to gain and all to lose?
- Too many appeals? Too few? Or about right? - Should S.69 be amended to follow the Scots model?
- Security of costs and third party funding

These discussions will be divided into two sessions with Plenaries to follow.

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Venue:  
**1 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2M 7SH**

**Chairman - Lord Saville**

**Moderator - Sir Bernard Eder**

Session One

**Ravi Aswani – Stone Chambers**

**Nakul Dewan – 20 Essex Street**

**James Leabeater – 4 Pump Court**

**Duncan Matthews QC – 20 Essex Street**

**Sean O’Sullivan QC – 4 Pump Court**

**Alistair Schaff QC – 7 King’s Bench Walk**

Summing up: **Louis Flannery – Stephenson Harwood**

Session Two

**James Drake QC – 7 King’s Bench Walk**

**Brian Dye – Essex Court Chambers**

**Philippa Hopkins – Essex Court Chambers**

**Poonam Melwani QC – Quadrant Chambers**

**Simon Rainey QC – Quadrant Chambers**

**Rachel Toney – Stone Chambers**

Summing up: **Bruce Harris – LMAA Arbitrator**

**Concluding remarks - Lord Saville**

**The event is accredited for 3.5 CPD points**

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